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Subject: Re: SPBID transit studies follow up

Hi again, Scott.

Hope all is well. I'm reaching out to give you an update on the transportation initiatives we're working on.

As you'll remember, our initial ask was for a financial contribution to two studies, both exploring the East-West connection through the southern part of DTLA. Since that ask, Metro's planning team has ramped up their outreach for the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) project, and for political, technical, and financial reasons, we've re-evaluated our strategy. We see an opportunity to leverage the WSAB project and move the East-West connection concept further along. This will be helpful for two specific reasons: 1) as part of the WSAB, the EIR for the project will be covered; and 2) there are some heavy-hitters, politically speaking, already behind WSAB, and this concept fits in nicely with their vision and criteria.

SPBID, Little Tokyo BID, Fashion District, Industrial Core, Arts District BID, Eco-Rapid Transit, and CCA are all supportive of WSAB including the East-West concept as another option for the northern alignments. **I'm asking you to consider submitting a public comment as well. The deadline is Monday April 2nd. I'm providing template copy below, as well as where you can send it.**

Thanks in advance for your continued support! Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,